



# Backstories "R" Us



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## Chapter 1 by Story Wars

The man did not want want to stray onto the path of the killer. He was originally a pacifist. He never wanted to kill, nor hurt anyone in this world.

That was back when he was a boy. Before his parents were murdered and his house was burned down. Before his girlfriend was raped and his close friends kidnapped.

Before the soldiers came and destroyed everything he cared about.

Now he is an agent of justice; a paragon of hope. He obliterates evil and defends the weak. He shows no mercy to those who do evil unto the world. He is the hero, Shadow Mask.

"Aaaaand that finishes up your backstory, Mr. Mask. That will be five hundred dollars." I said.

"Five HUNDRED dollars? Just for a simple backstory?" Shadow Mask, dressed in all black, including a black face mask, asked incredulously.

"It's a tough world these days, Mr. Mask. And also, heroing doesn't exactly pay you badly, does it?" I replied. "We'll be billing the money to your account in the Hero Association, so don't worry about it."

Shadow Mask grumbled something about capitalist pigs or something along those lines as he left the checkout lane, cape fluttering behind him majestically.

"Have a good day!" I yelled after him. He stuck up his middle finger in response. What a friendly guy.

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Backstories R Us is a company that provides backstories to professional superheroes. Our company isn't enormous or anything, but we do have a contract with the

Hero Association to supply their heroes with backstories.

I've written many Backstories myself. Sad ones, happy ones, tragic ones, silly ones.

Oh hey, look, another customer!

## Chapter 2 by Phantim



Ah, no one I recognize... but that is not entirely unexpected. Afterall, famous heroes have all already come through here... well that or they did a really great job self promoting.

I put on my best smile and greet her "Welcome to Backstories "R" Us where we make your story our business. What can I help you with today, miss...?"

"It's Sammy," she said.

I raise my eyebrows at her, still smiling.

"Er, sorry. Night Raven!" she apologizes.

"Oh no, that is fine miss Raven. It is Miss isn't it? Though if your husband or lover died in some tragic accident, we can certainly work with that." I say.

"Well, you are a strange sort. Unfortunately it's been a while since I've had any lovers, so feel free to do whatever you like with that part of the narrative." She tells me.

"So you are wanting a standard background story, miss Night Raven?" I ask.

"No, I will take the deluxe package. The Night Raven name doesn't have to go either, if it's not catchy enough. I was Dark Woman back in Chicago, but I'm trying to leave that all behind me now. Just want a fresh start, I'll need you to get me in touch with your outfit design boys too. That still comes with the Deluxe package yes?" She asks.

"Oh, a return customer. Glad to have you back. And yes, outfit design and catch phrase consultations are part of the Deluxe package!" I tell her. Always nice working with a more experienced hero.

## Chapter 3 by Wonder Story - In College



\*A man came through the door, cape fluttering behind him. "Hi," he said, "I would like a backstory with a extra helping of tragedy and darkness."\*

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"I'm sorry Superman, but you can't go back we can work something out after I'm done with Miss Night Raven.

"Hmph, she's got nothing on our superheroines," Superman mumbled as he got in line.

"Anyway, Miss Night Raven, please fill out this form in the waiting area. When you're done, come back and I'll write you an amazing backstory; afterwards I'll send you to the costume department." I loved the Deluxe Package, and not just because of the pay.

"And the catch phrase?" She asked.

"That will be right after you get your new costume."

"Thank you, Mr..."

"Wordsworth, but you can call me Dave." We don't have name tags here, I should probably put that in the employee suggestion box. Who am I kidding, the boss doesn't care about our suggestions!

"Thank you, Dave." She walked to the waiting area.

Superman rushed up to the front.

"There's got to be some way to change things back, please. I'm sorry for coming off as desperate, but Wonder Woman and I are better as friends and her whole body's covered now!"

"A whole new change is what you get with the Supremium Package, along with a smooth transition." I hated giving out the Supremium Package, you probably never heard of anyone who used it because their whole universe imploded with bad decisions. "I tried to talk you out of it but-"

"Then can I have another Supremium package? One that will get my universe back to normal?" I really felt bad for this guy.

"Sorry but we can't do that, other..." See more of Story Wars [Copyright Issues](#)

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"But I didn't make the Original Backstory." Original Backstories are NEVER to be tampered with. "Maybe if you brought the..." I looked at the spreadsheet on my laptop, "Justice League we can work something out."

"That's what you said last time, but fine." Superman looked really annoyed as he left.

"Have a good day!" Superman just through his hand back but I'm pretty sure his cape could've hidden a middle finger.

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